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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF ADDITIONAL ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS

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1. ATHENS PRESS REPORTED JANUARY 11 CONSTRUCTION WORKER CHRISTOS STAMATIOU SENTENCED BY SPECIAL COURT MARTIAL TO ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT FOR "ANTI-NATIONAL PROPAGANDA." ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS STAMATIOU DEFENDED IN STREET FRAY PERSON WHOSE HOUSE POLICE AUTHORITIES WERE ORDERED TO DEMOLISH. NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED TWO PPC EMPLOYEES I.A. BOUZAKIS AND M.K. MATZOURANIS WERE SENTENCED TO TEN MONTHS FOR SHOUTING "ILLEGAL SLOGANS" WHILE RIDING MOTORBIKE IN ATHENS. BOTH OFFENSES OCCURED WITHIN LAST FEW WEEKS. ATHENS NEWS ALSO REPORTED TWO INORS WERE SENTENCED FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION AGAINST THE PRESENT NATIONAL LEADERS. SAME COURT ALSO REPORTEDLY SENTENCED FRENCH NATIONAL CHARLES SOBHRAZ TO 8 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING FOUR PORTABLE RADIO TRANSMITTERS. POSSESSION AND USE OF RADIO TRANSMITTERS IS BANNED UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

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2. DEUTSCHE WELLE AND VOA BROADCAST JANUARY 10 THAT
GOG HAS BANNED FROM RADIO/TV TWO POPULAR SINGERS N. TSILOURIS
(WHO STARRED IN THE POPULAR REVIEW "OUR BIG CIRCUS") AND
T. ANDREADIS AND THE MUSIC OF WELL-KNOWN COMPOSERS M. TSARHAKOS
AND I. MARKOPOULOS.

3. COMMENT: BANNING MUSIC OF POPULAR/BOUZOUKI COMPOSERS IS
REMINISCENT OF EX-PM PAPADOPOULOS' FORBIDDING THE MUSIC
OF M. THEODORAKIS, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS NOW ANNOUNCED HIS
INTENTION TO ABANDON HIS MUSICAL INTERESTS IN ORDER TO
DEVOTE FULL TIME TO RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES.
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